

## Welcome to Ropsley's Donaldson class!

We are so delighted to be teaching your child in their first year of school. This year the class will be named after Julia Donaldson, the author of 'The Gruffalo', 'Stick man' and 'Room on the broom', along with many other beloved favourites! Thank you for all of the wonderful family photographs which have already been sent to us, they have been added to our photo wall ready for when your child begins school. If you would like to still send us a photo, please email it to [rebecca.spencer@ropsley.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:rebecca.spencer@ropsley.lincs.sch.uk) or post it onto Tapestry. If you still haven't access Tapestry, your activation link may have now expired. Please let us know and we'll resend the link.

### Home Learning:

Reading books will be sent out at the beginning of the first full week. One of these books will be a library book for you to enjoy with your child, the other book currently is a non-word reading book to encourage discussion and story-telling skills. These books will be changed every Monday. Please keep your child's reading book in their bookbag as we try to read their book at least once a week in school (as well as doing daily reading using other texts). We encourage parents to read three times a week with their child. Please can you sign your child's reading diary each time they have read. Children will also receive a mini book where new sounds that they have learnt during phonics lessons will be added most days.

### Outdoors/PE lessons:

PE lessons will take place every Friday. Please can you send your child into school on Fridays wearing their PE kit. We also request that a named pair of wellies and waterproofs be left in school. If you have difficulty providing these, please let either Mrs Spencer or Mrs Hickey know.

### Key events for this term:

- Stay and play—Thursday 31st August—9:30-11:30. Please bring wellies, water bottles and waterproofs on this day, if you wish.
- Our school's harvest festival service where each class will sing a song. Date TBC
- Parents' meetings to discuss how your child has settled in. More details will be sent out via parentmail nearer to the time.

Please see the next page for a break down of what your child will be covering for their first 7 weeks of this Autumn Term.

We look forward to working with you.

Mrs Spencer, Mrs Hickey, Mrs Handley and Mrs Harrison

## Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at reading, writing and making numbers to 7. We will also look at:

- Counting,
- Representing numbers in different ways
- Comparing numbers and amounts to 7
- Sorting objects
- 2D shapes—circles, triangles, squares and rectangles

## Phonics

We will be beginning to learn the sounds that we need to read simple words using the Read,, Write, Inc. phonics programme. Children will also learn to hear the initial sounds in words and to write these sounds. Books will be given out and collected in on a Monday. Please remember to sign your child's diary when they've read.

## Talk 4 writing

Children will learn to sequence, retell and discuss the following texts:

- The little red hen
- The three little pigs

They will then be encouraged to retell these texts using the different areas of the classroom, within their play.

# All about me!

## Autumn Term A

### RE

In RE lessons, children will be talking about their families and how we belong to a group. They will also learn about the baptism of Jesus and how children are baptised or christened today. We will also be getting our harvest song ready to perform in the school's church service.

### EAD

EAD sessions will focus on exploring different types of media such as painting, printing, junk modelling, large scale construction, collage and clay work. Examples of activities that the children will undertake are: collaging the three little pigs houses, and painting a picture of their own home.

### End of day texts

- Six Dinner Sid
- I'm Absolutely Too Small for School
- Colour Monster

### PSED

Jigsaw (PSED) will be entitled 'Being me in the world', with a focus on feelings, being kind and our rights and responsibilities.

We will also be learning about looking after the resources in our classroom and how to share them with our new friends.

### Understanding the World

In our Understanding the World sessions, we will be looking at our families and at the different places of importance in Ropsley. Children will take part in wood school sessions where they will investigate the different seasons.

### Physical Development

Children will take part in physical activities on Fridays through PE lessons. Please could they come to school in their PE kits on Fridays..

They will also work on their pencil grip, learn to write their names and take part in our lively dough disco sessions! Wood school sessions are also scheduled in over the term.